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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

After amendment, claims 1-65, 70, 71, 73-76, 78, 80, 86-90, 93, 96-99, and 102-132 are pending. Claims 121-132 are new, claims 1-55, 93, 103-107, and 110-120 are withdrawn, and claims 59, 66-69, 72, 77, 79, 81-85, 91-92, 94-95, and 100-101 have been canceled. Claims 56-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 78, 80, 86-90, 96-99, 102, 108, and 109 have been amended.

Amended Claims

Claims 56-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 78, 80, 86-90, 96-99, 102, 108, and 109 have been amended to make the language of the claims more clear and have not been made in response to a rejection by the Examiner.

New Claims 121-129

Applicant previously elected Group V drawn to a process for preparing a soft tissue graft optionally involving the use of hypertonic treatment solutions. Because new claims 121-132 are all dependent on process claim 56 or claim 109, it is respectfully requested that claims 121-132 be examined with claims 56-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73-76, 78, 80, 86-90, 96-99, 102, 108, and 109.

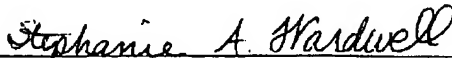
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3420 (95176562-004002).

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